

CHAPTER 127

SCHOOL FINANCE — CATEGORICAL STATE PERCENT OF GROWTH

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AN ACT establishing the categorical state percent of growth and including effective date and retroactive applicability provisions.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 257.8, subsection 2, Code 2015, is amended to read as follows:

2. *Categorical state percent of growth.* ~~The categorical state percent of growth for the budget year beginning July 1, 2012, is two percent.~~ The categorical state percent of growth for the budget year beginning July 1, 2013, is two percent. The categorical state percent of growth for the budget year beginning July 1, 2014, is four percent. The categorical state percent of growth for the budget year beginning July 1, 2015, is one and twenty-five hundredths percent. The categorical state percent of growth for each budget year shall be established by statute which shall be enacted within thirty days of the submission in the year preceding the base year of the governor's budget under [section 8.21](#). The establishment of the categorical state percent of growth for a budget year shall be the only subject matter of the bill which enacts the categorical state percent of growth for a budget year. The categorical state percent of growth may include state percents of growth for the teacher salary supplement, the professional development supplement, the early intervention supplement, and the teacher leadership supplement.

Sec. 2. CODE SECTION 257.8 — IMPLEMENTATION. The requirement of [section 257.8, subsection 2](#), regarding the enactment of bills establishing the categorical state percent of growth within thirty days of the submission in the year preceding the base year of the governor's budget does not apply to this Act.

Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

Sec. 4. RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY. This Act, if approved by the governor on or after July 1, 2015, applies retroactively to July 1, 2015.

Approved July 2, 2015